

# General Services Commission

## MEMORANDUM

**To:** Authorized TEX-AN Users and  
GSC Cooperative Purchasing Program Participants

**From:** Stephen T. Parker, Director Telecommunications Services Division  
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**Re:** **TEX-AN 2000 Contracts**

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We are pleased to provide Authorized TEX-AN Users and GSC's Cooperative Purchasing Program Participants with guidance about the use of the TEX-AN 2000 Contracts.

GSC has completed the procurement of the next generation of TEX-AN telecommunications services through a competitive solicitation process authorized by Chapter 2157, *of* the Texas Government Code.

GSC has procured a large suite *of* core telecommunications services such as long distance voice, voice and data access, frame relay and ATM backbone transport services. These next generation TEX-AN 2000 services are technologically advanced, competitive priced and available for immediate statewide deployment. All of these core services must be procured through the Telecommunications Services Division (TSD) of GSC.

Additionally, GSC solicited and awarded contracts in numerous related areas, such as local telephone service, calling cards, pagers, wireless (cell phones), equipment purchase and installation, etc .... These requirements type contracts are available to both authorized TEXAN customers and GSC's cooperative purchasing program participants, under Subchapter D, Chapter 271, of the Local Government Code. **Each of these TEX-AN contracts can be directly procured from and utilized without the requirement to conduct any additional procurement process.**

The complete list of contract areas available to both TEX-AN customers and cooperative purchasing program participants is as follows:

Local telephone Service; Wireless (cell-phones); Pagers; Web hosting and Development; Fire Wall Systems; Equipment Purchase and Installation; Calling Cards; Interpreter Services; and Pay Phone Long Distance.

TEX-AN 2000 telecommunications core services available through TSD to authorized TEX-AN users under Section 2170.004, Texas Government Code, are as follows:

Frame Relay and ATM Backbone Transport Services; Data and Voice Access Services; Long Distance Services, including toll-free 800 and 900 service; and Internet Access.

GSC awarded multiple vendor contracts in most of the categories listed. Substantial additional information regarding TEX-AN 2000 contracts and services may be obtained by visiting our [www.tex-an.net](http://www.tex-an.net) website.

We hope this information is useful to you.

  
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